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In late June 1955, a representative of the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction visited VEB Stahlwerk Pirna-Copitz.² As a result of his visit every effort was made to speed up the production, and the delivery to the USSR, of the gun barrels being manufactured there.¹ Special teams of workers were used in the production and in the loading of the finished products on trains. Even the mayor of Pirna and leading local Party functionaries took part in the work. All the deliveries were to be made to Frankfurt/Oder. The final destination of the gun barrels could not be ascertained. The exact number of gun barrels produced was not known.

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2. Comments: The correct name of the firm is VEB Giesserei Copitz, Pirna-Copitz.

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